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Science and Technology

India and ICTP Establish Co-operation Fund to Boost Scientific Partnership

India and the International Centre for Theoretical Physics initiated the India-ICTP Co-operation Fund and signed a Letter of Intent on November 15, 2026, to enhance researcher mobility and scientific collaboration.

Why it matters: Tests current affairs on bilateral scientific agreements and international technology partnerships.

Source: PIB

Environment

National Zoological Park Organises 21st Sunday Bird Walk

The National Zoological Park in New Delhi hosted its 21st Sunday Bird Walk on 15 November 2026, recording 42 bird species including the newly added Northern Shoveler.

Why it matters: Tests current affairs on environmental events and wildlife documentation.

Source: PIB

Fit India Highlights 'Sundays on Cycle' at COP31 Climate Summit

At COP31 in Antalya, India's Fit India Movement showcased its weekly 'Sundays on Cycle' initiative, inviting nations to host a community ride.

Why it matters: Tests current affairs on international climate summits and government fitness initiatives.

Source: PIB

Sports

Telangana to Host 8th Khelo India Youth Games 2026

Union Sports Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya and Telangana CM A. Revanth Reddy unveiled the logo and mascot for the 8th Khelo India Youth Games 2026, scheduled from December 11 to 22 across six cities with 29 disciplines.

Why it matters: Tests knowledge of upcoming national sports events and their venues.

Source: PIB

Schemes and Policies

Amit Shah Launches Bharat Taxi and NHEC Project in Pune

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah performed the Bhoomi Pujan for NHEC Multi-State Cooperative Society, inaugurated the Western Regional Office of the Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies, and launched Bharat Taxi services in Pune, Maharashtra.

Why it matters: Tests current affairs on recent cooperative sector initiatives and launches in Maharashtra.

Source: PIB

PM Shares Article on Eklavya Model Residential Schools on Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi shared an article by Vice President Thiru C. P. Radhakrishnan on Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas detailing how Eklavya Model Residential Schools empower tribal students through quality education and holistic development.

Why it matters: Questions on tribal education schemes and institutional achievements.

Source: PIB

Culture and Society

Akashvani Launches 'AIR Rising Stars' for Young Musical Talent

Akashvani is launching the inaugural 'AIR Rising Stars' concert series for artists under 30. Featuring 26 musical concerts across India from 17th to 30th November 2026, it marks Akashvani's 90-year celebrations.

Why it matters: Tests current affairs on cultural initiatives and national events for government exams.

Source: PIB

PM Modi Participates in Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas in Gadchiroli

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi attended the Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas event in Gadchiroli, Maharashtra, on November 15, 2026, highlighting tribal heritage, poverty reduction, and the eradication of Naxalism.

Why it matters: Tests current affairs regarding national events and government schemes.

Source: PIB

Today's quiz

1. In November 2026, Akashvani launched which inaugural concert series for artists under 30 to mark its 90-year celebrations?

A. AIR Rising Stars
B. Youth Symphony India
C. Akashvani Young Virtuosos
D. Classical Next India

2. The National Zoological Park in New Delhi hosted its 21st Sunday Bird Walk on November 15, 2026, recording how many bird species?

A. 32
B. 38
C. 42
D. 50

3. Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah launched the Bharat Taxi services and performed the Bhoomi Pujan for the NHEC Project in which city in 2026?

A. Mumbai
B. Pune
C. Nagpur
D. Nashik

4. At which international climate summit in Antalya did India's Fit India Movement showcase its weekly 'Sundays on Cycle' initiative in 2026?

A. COP29
B. COP30
C. COP31
D. COP32

5. India and which international organization established the India-ICTP Co-operation Fund in November 2026 to enhance researcher mobility?

A. International Centre for Theoretical Physics
B. International Centre for Pure and Applied Mathematics
C. International Council for Science
D. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

6. Which state is scheduled to host the 8th Khelo India Youth Games 2026 across six cities featuring 29 disciplines?

A. Maharashtra
B. Telangana
C. Odisha
D. Haryana

7. Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas event on November 15, 2026, in which district of Maharashtra?

A. Gadchiroli
B. Palghar
C. Nandurbar
D. Dhule

8. On Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas 2026, Prime Minister Narendra Modi shared an article written by whom regarding Eklavya Model Residential Schools?

A. President Droupadi Murmu
B. Vice President Thiru C. P. Radhakrishnan
C. Union Tribal Affairs Minister Jual Oram
D. Governor C. P. Radhakrishnan

9. Consider the following statements regarding current events in November 2026:
1. Akashvani launched the 'AIR Rising Stars' concert series for artists under 30.
2. The National Zoological Park recorded 42 bird species during its 21st Sunday Bird Walk.
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A. Only 1
B. Only 2
C. Both 1 and 2
D. Neither 1 nor 2

10. Which newly added bird species was recorded among the 42 species during the 21st Sunday Bird Walk at the National Zoological Park in November 2026?

A. Northern Shoveler
B. Common Teal
C. Eurasian Wigeon
D. Gadwall

Answers: 1. A 2. C 3. B 4. C 5. A 6. B 7. A 8. B 9. C 10. A

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